

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On December 13, 1975, at 3:00 am, Long Beach Police Officer Franke Neal Lewis was murdered in the 6200 block of Cantel in Long Beach. Officer Lewis had completed his shift and was driving home when he observed suspicious activity in a car parked on the street a few doors down from his house. Investigators believe Officer Lewis parked his car and walked down the street towards the disturbance to investigate. As he approached the car Officer Lewis was shot and killed by unknown suspect(s). The suspect(s) had been involved in the attempted murder of Dennis Gitschier prior to being approached by Officer Lewis. Dennis Gitschier had pulled off the freeway and parked at the location after becoming tired while driving home. Gitschier was lying across the front street when he was brutally attacked while still inside of his car. Gitschier's injuries were severe requiring him to be hospitalized for a period of time. Dennis Gitschier credits Officer Franke Lewis with saving his life that night.

Officer Lewis' killer(s) have never been found. However, The Long Beach Police Department has re-opened the investigation and continues to seek the public's help in solving this homicide.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s) of this heinous crime.

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